

FW: FPT meeting readout

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Hi, we believe that the point below in the read-out on the Discussion of Strategic Enforcement Strategy (TC led) is incorrect. The points below it were not discussing the SES but the Emergency Act.

Should a correction be sent to the people on the email below?

Nathalie in my office is looking into the translation.

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FYI. We need the list pls!
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Subject: FPT meeting readout
Colleagues,
Below is a readout from yesterday's meeting.
Please let me know if you have any comments, changes, or additions by end of day.
The official readout will be bilingual and will include a list of participants.
Thanks.
Talal

FPT Crime Prevention and Policing Committee (CPPC) Ad hoc Meeting

- Briefing on the Emergencies Act (PCO-DoJ-PS-RCMP)
 - o Provided an explanation on the Emergencies Act (EA) and the recent GIC declaration of a public order emergency.
 - o Noted efforts for consultation and collaboration with PTs, including the PM's First Ministers meeting to consult Premiers and the letters sent to Premiers that provided more information surrounding measures of the Act.
 - o Shared that there was DM-IGA call earlier to further discuss EA.

- o Noted efforts for information sharing between FPT partners, and provided a high-level summary of the invocation of the on February 14, noting that the proclamation was made public yesterday.
- o Reviewed the Emergency Measures Regulations and the Emergency Economic Measures Order made pursuant to the EA, which include additional powers for law enforcement to address unlawful public assembly, to protect critical infrastructure, and compel the provision of goods and services to remove trucks and blockades.
- o With regard to the Emergency Measures Regulations, noted that the EA will not be used to call in the military, remove policing jurisdiction from provinces and territories, nor limit peaceful protests and demonstrations.
- o Also clarified that while the EA and the regulations are available to law enforcement nationally, the application of these powers would be used as needed by local law enforcement to assist in their efforts to prevent and address unlawful protests that threaten public safety and critical infrastructure.
- o RCMP noted the new measures are temporary as the EA provisions are time limited for maximum 30 days, unless reinstated by the federal government, and provide law enforcement across country needed additional tools to deal with serious unlawful assembly. Confirmed again that the EA will not change authority of police of jurisdiction but rather provides new tools to help police address unlawful protests.
- o Related to the Emergency Economic Measures Order, the RCMP explained the practical application of the Order and again, the new tools to allow information sharing between financial institutions and law enforcement and for financial institutions to freeze accounts, which are critical tools in address the unlawful protests.
- o DOJ shared that the EA requires that the invocation of the EA for a public order emergency, and the related orders be tabled in Parliament within 7 sitting days, and be debated where the proclamation could be struck down or the orders amended. A Parliamentary inquiry is also required by the EA within 60 days after the end of the Emergency.
- Situational Update (RCMP)
 - o Provided an update on operational situation on the ground at Emerson, Coutts and Ottawa.
- Discussion of Strategic Enforcement Strategy (TC led)
 - o Marlin Degrand (AB) asked about authorities and protection of infrastructure. Provided the example of Coutts and the available resources. PS clarified that the new authorities provide means for designating protected areas.
 - o Rick Stubbings (ON) asked question on financial measures, specifically the application of freezing assets. RCMP clarified the process and noted this also includes crypto currencies.
 - o Lynne Lamarche (CBSA) shared information on high risk ports of entry, and strategy to harden international trade corridors in these areas, working closely with police of jurisdiction, provincial/municipal jurisdictions and sec. 6 owners and operators.
 - o Rob Cameron (SK) asked about the EA regulations from a law enforcement perspective – whether it applies to all peace officers (sheriffs, highway patrol, park rangers, etc.) – RCMP noted their legal services are looking at that question and will have a response soon.
 - o Andrew Easton (NB) asked about the authority for investigating national security matters – Loretta Colton noted the RCMP are lead but work with police of jurisdiction, 6(1) and (2) remain in effect.
 - o Glen Lewis (BC) asked if constituency offices are protected under the Emergency Measures Regulations, or considered government building as included in the definition of critical infrastructure. PS noted that the regulations cover the act of unlawful assembly itself, regardless of location, where law enforcement could take action to prevent and respond, so there may not be a need for specific designation of those places. The designation of a place under 6 (f) could be considered to designate a certain location where unlawful assembly is expected to happen. The PS Minister could made a designation of a place under 6 (f) in order to support the efforts of any police of jurisdiction, if require. DOJ noted they do not believe a constituency office

would fall under “government building”, and PS indicated they are most happy to follow-up separately on this request.

- o Aaron McCrorie (TC) noted that the strategic enforcement strategy now has new tools under the EA. Highlighted the importance of using this situation as a disincentive for future vehicles blockades.
- o Rob Cameron (SK) asked for copy of the order; the Canada Gazette link was posted in the chat.

- Roundtable

- o Louis Morneau (QC) – appreciate the information, but noted the sentiment that QC currently has the right legal tools, communications strategy, and capacity to meet the situation. QC noted there is good coordination in Montreal and Quebec City, and are following the EA and its implementation closely.
- o PS noted that these powers exist nationally but need only be used with PTs feel they require them. Reminded folks that this is not a carte blanche to stop all protest, people still have the legal right to peaceful protest.
- o Rick Stubbings (ON) noted if there is anything the Government of Canada needs to regarding the EA and its orders to reach out. Noted lack of questions at this time does not mean full understanding by all, and suggested reconvening the group next week.

ACTION ITEMS:

- o PS to reconvene a small CPPC group early next week to continue discussions.
- o Questions posed during this meeting and not answered will be promptly followed up on by federal officials, and answers will be provided out to all at next meeting.
- o PS committed to completing a bilingual meeting summary of discussion and sharing back with the group.